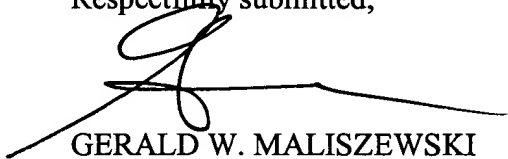


**REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in advance of the first examination of the subject application in order to correct typographical errors and insert the serial numbers and filing dates of the related applications. No new matter has been entered.

Respectfully submitted,

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**RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application contains material related to the following commonly assigned U.S. Patent Applications, which were concurrently filed with this application, and are hereby incorporated by reference:

Serial No. 09/745,655, [ ] filed 22 December 2000  
[ ] for "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROGRAMMING THE VALUE  
OF FRAME SYNCHRONIZATION WORDS IN A MULTIDIMENSIONAL  
DIGITAL FRAME STRUCTURE"

Serial No. 09/747,380, [ ] filed 22 December 2000  
[ ] for "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROGRAMMING THE BIT  
ERROR RATE OF FRAME SYNCHRONIZATION WORDS IN A  
MULTIDIMENSIONAL DIGITAL FRAME STRUCTURE"

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QUANTITY OF FRAME SYNCHRONIZATION WORDS IN A  
MULTIDIMENSIONAL DIGITAL FRAME STRUCTURE"

Serial No. 09/745,793, [ ] filed 22 December 2000  
[ ] for "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SELECTIVELY  
BROADCASTING A MULTIDIMENSIONAL DIGITAL FRAME STRUCTURE"

Serial No. 09/747,072, [ ] filed 22 December 2000  
[ ] for "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROGRAMMING LOSS OF  
SYNCHRONIZATION IN A MULTIDIMENSIONAL DIGITAL FRAME  
STRUCTURE"

Serial No. 09/745,774, [ ] filed 22 December 2000  
[ ] for "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROGRAMMING  
SYNCHRONIZATION CRITERIA IN A MULTIDIMENSIONAL DIGITAL FRAME  
STRUCTURE"

Serial No. 09/746,159, [ ] filed 22 December 2000  
[ ] for "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR TRANSLATING OVERHEAD  
BYTES IN A MULTIDIMENSIONAL DIGITAL FRAME STRUCTURE"

Serial No. 09/527,343, filed 17 March 2000 for "TRANSPOSABLE  
FRAME SYNCHRONIZATION STRUCTURE"

Serial No. 09/528,021, filed 17 March 2000 for "PROGRAMMABLE  
SYNCHRONIZATION STRUCTURE WITH AUXILIARY DATA LINK"